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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5831-N-19]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Procedures for Appealing Rent Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **INSERT DATE THAT IS 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons

with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on January 7, 2015 at 80 FR 901.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Procedure for Appealing Section 8 Rent Adjustments.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0446.

Type of Request: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Form Numbers: Owners will submit rent appeal on owner's letterhead providing a written explanation for the appeal.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Title II, section 221, of the National Housing Act requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish rents for certain subsidized rental projects. Under this legislation, HUD is charged with the responsibility of determining the method of rent adjustments and with facilitating these adjustments. Because rent adjustments are considered benefits to project owners, HUD must also provide some means for owners to appeal the decisions made by the Department or the Contract Administrator. This appeal process and the information collection play an important role in preventing costly litigation and in ensuring the accuracy of the overall rent adjustment process.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Owners of certain subsidized multifamily rental projects.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 525.

Estimated Number of Responses: 525.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 2.

Total Estimated Burdens: 1050.

Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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